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Summary  
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[¶11.](#) (SBU) The Charge chaired a meeting of the full Emergency Action Committee (EAC) on March 18 to review the Embassy's security posture following the local weekend. Members noted no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting, and agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and force protection condition (FPCON) remain appropriate. End Summary.

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Security Environment  
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[¶12.](#) (SBU) On March 18, the Charge chaired a meeting of the full EAC to review the Embassy's security posture following the local weekend. The meeting opened with a discussion of the local security situation, which the EAC continued to characterize as stable. Members cited no security incidents among their staffs or family members over the weekend, while CONS confirmed that there were no reported security incidents or security-related queries from the private American citizen community. Likewise, members noted no/no new threat reporting specific to Oman, or developments related to the unsubstantiated threat information discussed on March 15 (reftel).

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Sustained Vigilance  
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[¶13.](#) (SBU) Prior to concluding the meeting, RSO reiterated that members of the EAC must continue reinforcing to both their staffs and family members the need for vigilance regarding all aspects of personal security - to include maintaining a low profile, and remaining unpredictable and situationally aware. RSO further re-emphasized the importance of immediately reporting all suspicious activity or security-related incidents to Post One.

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EAC Conclusion  
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[¶14.](#) (S/NF) The EAC concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment since the last meeting, held on March 15 (reftel). Accordingly, members agreed that the Embassy's already heightened security posture and FPCON remain appropriate. Embassy Muscat remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security and threat environments, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. CDA, P/E, MGT, RSO, ARSO, SIMO, PAO, CONS, MSG, DAO, and ECA (USCENTAF) participated in the meeting, which was preceded by a meeting of the Counterintelligence Working Group (to be reported septel).

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